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Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal

Filed : August 31, 2000

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Art Unit : 2815

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Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

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Respectfully submitted,

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- Form PTO-1449
- Cited References (3)

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	5,622,888	04/22/97	Sekine et al.	438	398	
	AB	5,700,710	12/23/97	Zenke	437	60	
	AC	6,077,742	06/20/00	Chen et al.	438	255	
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	AF						
	AG						
	AH						
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	AJ						

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
	AK							
	AL							
	AM							
	AN							
	AO							

## OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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EXAMINER

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1.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and 1.136(a)(3) and credit any over payments to Deposit Account No.: 50-1266; Deposit Account Name: DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP

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**FEE CALCULATION**

**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity		Small Entity		<b>Fee Description</b>	<b>Fee</b>
<b>Fee Code</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee Code</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>		
1001	770	2001	385	<input type="checkbox"/> Utility Filing Fee	
1002	340	2002	170	<input type="checkbox"/> Design Filing Fee	
1003	530	2003	265	<input type="checkbox"/> Plant Filing Fee	
1004	770	2004	385	<input type="checkbox"/> Reissue Filing Fee	
1005	160	2005	80	<input type="checkbox"/> Provisional Filing Fee	
<b>Subtotal (1)</b>		<b>\$ 0</b>			

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

Current Claims	Prior	Extra	Fee	Fee Paid
Total	-	28	= 0 x \$ =	<b>\$ 0</b>
Ind.	-	6	= 0 x \$ =	<b>\$ 0</b>
Multiple Dependent Claims			x \$ =	<b>\$</b>
<b>Subtotal (2)</b>		<b>\$ 0</b>		

**Large Entity**      **Small Entity**

<b>Fee Code</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee Code</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee Description</b>
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent Claim
1204	86	2204	43	Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

<b>3. ADDITIONAL FEES</b>				
<b>Large Entity</b>	<b>Small Entity</b>			
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	<b>Fee Description</b>
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - Late filing fee or oath
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For Filing a Request for ex parte Reexamination
1804	920	1804	920	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1,840	1805	1,840	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within 2 <sup>nd</sup> month
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within 3 <sup>rd</sup> month
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within 4 <sup>th</sup> month
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within 5 <sup>th</sup> month
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing
1814	110	2814	55	Terminal Disclaimer Fee
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive – unintentional
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility/Reissue issue fee
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of IDS
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
Other fee (specify)				
<b>Subtotal (3)</b>				<b>\$ 180</b>

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